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FOR USING SUCH APPARATUS

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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed 27 October 2008:

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